

MINUTES

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

September 10, 2015

Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:30 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	()	()
Vice President	Obiora Agudosi, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Kishor Y Joshi, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Arthur F Margiotta, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Louis J Mraw	()	()	(X)
	Government Member			
Board Member	Nicholas J. Netta, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Michael G. Soriano, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Landscape Architect Member			
Board Member	Vacant - Public Member			
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OTHERS PRESENT: B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Architects; and Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Joseph Abello III and Beverly Rankin, of the Board of Architects; and Martha Richardson staff member of the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark *Star-Ledger*, the Trenton *Times*, the Camden *Courier-Post*, the *Record* and the Atlantic City *Press*.

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III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 9, 2015

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Zaccone announced that he recently attended the NCARB regional leadership meeting in Savannah. The North Carolina US Supreme Court decision was discussed and it was suggested the NCARB create a panel to review and develop a model strategy for its member boards. This issue is expected to be discussed at the spring conference.

Mr. Picatagi announced that he will be attending the CLARB Annual meeting in New Orleans next week. Acting Executive Director Charles Kirk will also be attending the meeting. Recently there was a pre-meeting conference call to discuss some issues and hold the election for the new director for Region 1. Richard Picatagi was elected Director of Region I.

V OLD BUSINESS

No business was discussed

VI NEW BUSINESS

A Landscape Architect Continuing Education Course review report

APPROVE

- 1 Athletic Field Maintenance and Construction offered by Rutgers - **6 hrs per day**
- 2 Irrigation Systems: Design & Installation offered by Rutgers - **6 hrs per day**
- 3 Landscape Lighting and LED Technology offered by Rutgers - **4 hrs for day 1 / 0 for day 2** (Day 2 is maintenance / electrician related)
- 4 Sustainable Landscape Design offered by Rutgers - **4 hrs**

DENY

- 5 BEGA Factory V.I.S.I.T.S. Program - Information submitted is not clearly defined.
- 6 About Tree Physiology (#GCE 6-1501) - too basic / college botany course
- 7 Irrigation Systems: Principles of SMART Controller Programming - Manufacturer specific and sales related

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- 8 Irrigation Systems: Repair & Maintenance - Not Landscape Architecture - geared toward grounds keepers
- 9 Irrigation Systems: Two-Wire Electrical Troubleshooting - Not Landscape Architecture - geared toward grounds keepers
- 10 Soil and Plant Relationships - Too basic - Material is in basic college soils class

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above courses as noted. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Correspondence

- 1 Copy of an e-mail from Kathy Hillegas of NCARB, along with a copy of an August 6, 2015 memo from Michael Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer, NCARB, regarding Member Board engagement update.

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 2 Copy of a June 22, 2015 letter addressed to Steven Lee, Director, Division of Consumer Affairs from Richard S Williams, Director of CP&C & Twp Engineer, concerning online permitting and electronic signatures.

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 3 Copy of a July 20, 2015 letter from John A Casolaro concerning his eligibility to sit for Architectural Registration Examination (ARE).

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to inform Mr. Casolaro that the Board will accept the 1.74 years of training from NCARB. However, New Jersey requires a total of three calendar years of experience and you will have to document the remaining 1.26 years of experience by providing a detailed explanation and documentation of your experience. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- 4 Copy of an August 13, 2015 e-mail from Kathy Hillegas, NCARB, regarding Broadly Experienced Intern and Integrated Path to Licensure.

ACTION: Duly noted.

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- 5 Copy of an August 10, 2015 e-mail from Tammori Petty, Director of Communications, NJ Department of Community Affairs regarding the Electronic Plan Review System along with a copy of the June 2015 press release from DCA.

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 6 Copy of an August 27, 2015 e-mail from Kathy Hillegas, NCARB, regarding Pre-Graduation Access to the ARE and the Integrated Path Initiative as well as a memo from NCARB President Dennis Ward and CEO Mike Armstrong.

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 7 Copy of an August 31, 2015 letter from John Fiedler, Construction Official, Hillsborough Township, requesting a clarification if it is permissible to photocopy a portion of a structure's original Code reviewed and issued plans, to be included as part of a construction permit application.

ACTION: Mr. Agudosi motioned to inform Mr. Fiedler that based on the information provided you may need to retain the services of a NJ licensed architect, however, you may want to consult with your attorney as to the applicable laws. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- C Discussion items
NCARB Mutual Recognition Agreement
Discussion of request by Executive Director Kathy Hillegas, NCARB, to meet with the Board regarding the Mutual Recognition Agreement.

ACTION: Mr. Soriano motioned to establish a committee to meet with representatives of NCARB. The Board understands that NCARB seeks to discuss the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), but notes that this matter was concluded as set forth in the January 9, 2014 minutes and there has been no statutory change. The Board redirects the discussion to the following topics: the North Carolina US Supreme Court decision, Pre-graduation access to the ARE, BEI program, providing NJ with NCARB council records with 3 or more calendar years of experience noted, why do they allow candidates to change their jurisdiction without verifying with member boards. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Committee members are Mr. Agudosi, Mr. Margiotta, Mr. Soriano and Mr. Zaccone.

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D Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee

March 23, 2015 minutes

ACTION: Ms. Goté motioned to approve of the Interior Design Committee minutes as presented. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VII REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

A. Applications for Licensure by Credentials

The following individuals have applied for licensure by credentials, have met board requirements and are recommended for licensure: * - NCARB Council Record Holder

Peter D Kerekgyarto*
Christine Giuliani*
Jason Colon*
Christopher Heinz
Lawrence Valenza*
Charles Ippolito*
Kristopher Powell*
Ashworth, Richard A*
Stephen Robinson*

Juliet Koczak*
James Cartwright*
Shawn Duffy*
Lonnie Hovey*
Frank Yakel*
Derek Selke*
James Risch*
Mark G. Kolodziejczak*

Richard G Nemeth*
Federico Chiappina*
Jeffrey Eckert*
Michael Imranyi*
Bryan Zelnick*
David Tichenor*
Vincent Sorrentino*
Robert Plichta*

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BOARD REVIEWED

Alt, James M*

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to request more information from Mr. Alt pertaining to remarks made on the NCARB summary sheet of his application that references unprofessional conduct and notes letters concerning #9 education and #10 experience. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B. Applications for Examination

The following applicant/s applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Christopher J Aker
Patrick Gravino III
Daniel P Schittone

Anthony D'Agosta
Yifei Lu

John Erzen
Oswald J Samuels

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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BOARD REVIEWED

Drew T Monarque+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing information in executive session, Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mr. Monarque to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Licensure by Examination

The following applicant/s have completed all Divisions of the Architectural Registration Examination and are submitted to the Board for licensure:

Caitlin A Dzikowski
Elana G Koplik++
Alexander N Merlucci
Amanda M Sapp

Joseph O Fidalgo
Walter M Ksiazak
Dominick R Pilla - PE
Christine C Sawatzke++

Nichole E Hollenbeck
Matthew LaPiana+
Robert B Richardson
Stephen W Schreyer Jr

+ - ARE completed in NY transferred to NJ for initial licensure

++ - ARE completed in PA transferred to NJ for initial licensure

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as they have complied with all requirements for licensure. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Certificate/s of Authorization

1 SAMUEL AHREN WYKOFF ARCHITECT, LLC
954 County Road 619
Newton NJ 07860

Architecture

Responsible Architect: Samuel A Wykoff - License #AI017619

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by one New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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2 BLACKBIRD GROUP ARCHITECTS, LLC
190 Avenue L
Newark NJ 07105

Architecture

Responsible Architect: Avelino Martinez - License #AI018292

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by one New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to issue a Certificate of Authorization to the above two firms. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW

A Initial Licensure by examination: LARE taken

The following individual has submitted an application for licensure inasmuch he/she has already completed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) and is recommended for licensure. * - CLARB Council Record Holder

Kollmar, Stephen A.*

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to license the above individual inasmuch as he has complied with the requirements for licensure. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Licensure without examination:

The following individuals have submitted applications for licensure without examination and are recommended for licensure. * - CLARB Council Record Holder

Cassidy, Timothy J
Winter, James K*

Hampton, Joshua P*

Petrosky, David P

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to license the above individuals inasmuch as they have complied with the requirements for licensure. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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C Certificate/s of Authorization

The following firms have submitted completed applications for a Certificate of Authorization and are recommended for approval.

- 1 CARDNO, INC. Landscape Architecture**
7606 Whitehall Executive Center Dr - Ste 800
Charlotte NC 28273
Responsible Landscape Architect: Eric Lalone - License #AS001200

- 2 ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN, INC. Landscape Architecture**
100 Webster Street - Ste 300
Oakland CA 94607
Responsible Landscape Architect: Thomas R Tavella - License #AS001198

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to issue Certificates of Authorization to the above two firms. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IX CLOSED CASES

The Board closed the following case at today's meeting:

- 1 ITEM NO. 106506 - CARDONE, Eugene R Jr - AI015355
- 2 ITEM NO. 103699 - HALA, Dennis - Unlicensed / DHJ Builders, Inc. - HIC #13VH05267500 & FELDMAN, David H - AI011721 / Feldman & Feldman Architects PC

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one from the public present, Mr. Picatagi proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:07 pm, Mr. Zaccone motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes and other items in executive session. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

XI NEXT MEETINGS

October 8, 2015	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor
November 12, 2015	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.